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The Cancer Information Service of the Rocky Mountain Region is a program of the National Cancer Institute (NCI) serving the states of Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming in cooperation with Penrose-St. Francis Health Services.

Selected NCI Press Releases / NewsCenter Items

Available at <http://www.cancer.gov/newscenter/>.

- Calcium and Vitamin D Supplements Offer Modest Bone Improvements, No Benefits for Colorectal Cancer (2/16/2006)
- New Federal Health Initiative to Improve Cancer Therapy - Patients will Benefit from Rapid Development and Delivery of New Cancer Treatments (2/14/2006)
- NCI Launches New Initiative to Identify Genetic Risk Factors for Breast and Prostate Cancer (2/13/2006)
- News from the Women's Health Initiative: Reducing Total Fat Intake May Have Small Effect on Risk of Breast Cancer, No Effect on Risk of Colorectal Cancer, Heart Disease, or Stroke (2/7/2006)

NCI Fact Sheet Collection

New, revised and reviewed titles. Available at

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/>.

- More Choices in Cancer Care: Information for Beneficiaries on Medicare Coverage of Cancer Clinical Trials (FS 8.14, 2/15/06)
- National Organizations That Offer Services to People With Cancer and Their Families (FS 8.1, 1/17/06)
- *Organizaciones nacionales que brindan servicios a las personas con cáncer y a sus familias* (FS 8.1s, 2/7/06)
- Reproduction and Use of National Cancer Institute Materials (FS 1.1, 2/13/06)
- Tumor Markers: Questions and Answers (FS 5.18, 2/3/06)

National Health Observances

The National Health Observances calendar can be found on the National Health Information Center Web site at <http://www.healthfinder.gov/-library/nho/nho.asp?year=2006>

March observances:

- National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Looking ahead to April observances:

- National Public Health Week (April 3-9)

Other Items of Interest

- New Compound May Protect Against Liver Cancer (2/15/06)
<http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/feb2006/nihs-15.htm>
- Noninvasive Tests May Miss Breast Cancer, AHRQ Study Finds (2/9/06)
<http://www.ahrq.gov/news/press/pr2006/effbrcanpr.htm>
- FDA Approves New Treatment for Gastrointestinal and Kidney Cancer (1/26/06)
<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/news/2006/NEW01302.html>

Items of Interest from the CDC

The State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation (STATE) System is an electronic data warehouse containing up-to-date and historical state-level data on tobacco use prevention and control. It is designed to integrate many data sources to provide comprehensive summary data and facilitate research and consistent data interpretation. The STATE System was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Office on Smoking and Health (OSH), National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Recently it was updated to include new measures and data updates. See

<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/statesystem/>.

The CDC's Office of Women's Health publishes "Healthy Living" calendars with a variety of themes. In colorful one-page formats, there are calendars for women, men, children, healthy tips, and healthy living; the calendars are also available in Spanish. See <http://www.cdc.gov/od/spotlight/nwhw/calendar.htm>.

Online Service – *LiveHelp*

Confidential, online text chat with a National Cancer Institute Information Specialist. Available Mon. – Fri., 9 a.m. – 11 p.m. EST.

For cancer information and to order NCI publications call 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237) or visit <http://www.cancer.gov>

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Events of Interest**NATIONAL:**

- ❖ **10th Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved & Cancer: Committed to Eliminating Disparities**


Sponsors: Intercultural Cancer Council and Baylor College of Medicine

Dates: April 19-23, 2006

Location: Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC

Registration: \$600. Online registration is available at <http://iccnetwork.org/symposium/>. This link also provides complete program information, contacts, and other resources relating to the symposium.

- ❖ **5th Biennial Conference on Cancer, Culture and Literacy: Solutions for Addressing Health Disparities through Community Partnerships**

Sponsor: H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute at the University of South Florida 

Dates: May 18-20, 2006

Location: Sheraton Sand Key Resort, Clearwater Beach, FL

Registration and Contact: See http://www.moffitt.usf.edu/about_moffitt/calendar/events/200605.asp for more information, or contact Chrystyna Pospolyta at 813-745-1445, e-mail pospolck@moffitt.usf.edu.

Summary: This conference will address ways to impact cancer health disparities through effective community partnerships and community based participatory research methods. The conference provides a national forum for the exchange and dissemination of important information covering current research and education in the area of cancer, culture and literacy. Included will be presentations by keynote speakers, general discussions, poster presentations, break-out sessions, breakfast roundtable discussions and pre-conference skill-building workshops.

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- ❖ **2006 UICC World Cancer Congress (WCC), 13th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health (WCTOH), and the CDC Partners Summit**

Sponsors: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the International Union Against Cancer Conference (UICC)

Dates:

UICC 2006 World Cancer Congress: July 8-12, 2006
13th World Conference on Tobacco OR Health (WCTOH): July 12-15, 2006

Location: Convention Center, Washington, DC

Registration: WCC/Summit combo early bird registration (\$550) will admit attendees from July 8-13. This will provide an opportunity to attend the WCC Public Health Track, for which CDC is sponsoring several symposiums, and hear about global cancer prevention and control initiatives. Early bird registration ends April 1. See <http://www.2006conferences.org/c-registration.php> for registration details and to register.

Audience: CDC cordially invites its domestic cancer prevention and control grantees and partners to attend both the UICC World Cancer Congress and the Cancer Partners Summit from July 8-13. Registration for the Summit is included in the World Cancer Congress registration fee, so participants may take full advantage of the information and opportunities offered by both events. See <http://www.2006conferences.org/summit.php> for more details about the summit.

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National Funding Opportunities – New listings**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Launches Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change Grant Program**
Key Dates:

Release Date: January 26, 2006

Brief Proposal Receipt Date: March 16, 2006 (2 PM CST)

Notification of Full Proposal Submission: May 25, 2006

Full Application Receipt Date: July 26, 2006 (2 PM CST)

Notification of Awards: October 20, 2006

Earliest Anticipated Start Date: December 1, 2006

Summary: *Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change* seeks to improve the quality of health care provided to patients from racial and ethnic backgrounds likely to experience health disparities. *Finding Answers* will: grant funds to discover and evaluate practical and replicable solutions designed to reduce and eliminate racial and ethnic health care disparities; conduct systematic reviews of existing published and unpublished literature regarding racial and ethnic health disparities interventions; and disseminate results from the research efforts and the systematic reviews to encourage health care systems to address racial and ethnic gaps in care. For details, visit <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19505>.

Request for Applications (RFA) Number: RFA-CA-06-015- Exploratory Grants for Increasing Utilization and Impact of the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service (R21)**Key Dates:**

Release Date: February 1, 2006

Letters of Intent Receipt Date: March 20, 2006

Application Receipt Dates: April 19, 2006

Peer Review Date(s): June-July 2006

Council Review Date: September 2006

Earliest Anticipated Start Date: September 27, 2006

Expiration Date: April 20, 2006

Summary: The major goal of this funding opportunity is to promote innovative research in cancer communications that explores the development and testing of national, regional, or community-based interventions that increase the utilization of scientifically accurate and up-to-date cancer information by the underserved and the impact of receiving such information. Specifically, the purpose of this funding opportunity is to stimulate research that explores effective messages, channels, outreach, promotional strategies, and/or other interventions that increase the utilization and impact of the existing cancer information resources such as NCI's Cancer Information Service (CIS) by underserved populations. For details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-06-015.html>.

Previously listed funding opportunities**Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-03-170 - Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males**

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, June 1; expiration date August 31, 2006

For details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-170.html>.**Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-04-116 - Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R01)**

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, October 16

For details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-116.html>.**Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-04-153 - Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Women**

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, June 1, October 1; until 2007

For details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-04-153.html>.**Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-05-026 - Community Participation in Research**

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, May 17; until 2007

For details, visit <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-026.html#PartI>.**Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-05-065 - Cancer Education (R25E) Grants Program**

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, June 1, October 1; until 2008

For details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-065.html>.**Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-05-123 - Small Grant Program for Conference Support**

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, April 20, June 20, August 20, October 20, December 20; until 2008

For details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-123.html>.**Program Announcement (PA) Number: PAR-06-039 - Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health**

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, September 22; until 2009

For details, visit <http://www.grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-039.html>.**Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-06-041 - NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (R13/U13)**

Application Receipt Date(s): for 2006, April 15, August 15, December 15; until 2008

For details, visit <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-06-041.html>.